

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) An information processing system comprising:  
a search information storage module for storing first information for searching a database in association with identification information;  
an identification information extracting module for extracting the identification information by scanning the first data to be used by application software;  
a search information extracting module for extracting the first search information corresponding to the extracted identification information by referring to the search information storage module;  
a data extracting module for extracting second data by searching [[a]] an external database on the basis of the extracted first search information; and  
a data inserting module for inserting the extracted second data into the location from which the identification information of the first data has been extracted.
3. (Original) The information processing system according to claim 2, wherein the first search information at least includes information for specifying a database and information for specifying a part or all of the search conditions.

4. (Previously Presented) The information processing system according to claim 2, wherein the identification information extracting module extracts, in addition to the identification information, second information for searching a database, the second search information being located in association with the identification information, and the data extracting module searches a database on the basis of the first search information and the second search information.

5. (Original) The information processing system according to claim 4, wherein the second search information at least includes information for specifying a part or all of the search conditions.

6. (Original) The information processing system according to claim 2, wherein the system can register or update the first search information with the search information storage module on the basis of user input.

7. (Original) The information processing system according to claim 2, wherein the search information storage module stores a plurality of the first search information by classifying it into a plurality of groups.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The information processing system according to claim 2, wherein the application software is spreadsheet software and the first data is tabular data.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) The information processing system according to claim 2, wherein the application software is browser software and the first data is document data described in a structured tag language such as html.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) The information processing system according to claim 2, wherein at least any one of inputs or outputs to the application software, database, or the user, is performed through a communication network.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) An information processing method comprising:  
an identification information extracting step of scanning first data to be used by application software, thereby extracting identification information;  
a search information extracting step of referring to search information storage module for storing first information for searching a database in association with

identification information, thereby extracting the first search information corresponding to the extracted identification information;

a data extracting step of searching [[a]] an external database on the basis of the extracted first search information, thereby extracting second data; and

a data insertion step of inserting the extracted second data into the location from which the identification information of the first data has been extracted.

16. (Original) The information processing method according to claim 15, wherein the first search information includes at least information for specifying a database and information for specifying a part or all of the search conditions.

17. (Previously Presented) The information processing method according to claim 15, wherein in the identification information extracting step, in addition to the identification information, second information is extracted for searching a database, the second search information being located in association with the identification information, and

in the data extracting step, a database is searched on the basis of the first search information and the second search information.

18. (Original) The information processing method according to claim 17, wherein the second search information includes at least information for specifying a part or all of the search conditions.

19. (Original) The information processing method according to claim 15, further comprising the step of registering and updating the first search information with the search information storage module on the basis of user input.

20. (Original) The information processing method according to claim 15, wherein in the search information extracting step, at the time of reference to the search information storage module, a group in which the first search information is classified is designated and the first search information corresponding to the extracted identification information is extracted.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Original) The information processing method according to claim 15, wherein the application software is spreadsheet software and the first data is tabular data.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Original) The information processing method according to claim 15, wherein the application software is browser software and the first data is document data described in a structured tag language such as html.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Original) The information processing method according to claim 15, wherein at least any one of inputs or outputs to the application software, a database, or the user is performed through a communication network.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) A computer readable recording medium with a program stored therein for performing on a computer the information processing method according to claim 15.